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Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Executive Order No. 2021-30

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-30: Relative to Extending the Public Health Emergency and Declaring the Day After Thanksgiving a Holiday

Thank you.

Senseremente,

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Executive Order No. 2021-30

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-30

RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND DECLARING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING A HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, acting pursuant to the power provided by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, declared a public health emergency in the island of Guam due to dangers posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, since declaring a public health emergency, Guam has suffered two hundred sixty-three (263) COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of the time of this writing, over nineteen thousand (19,000) individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Guam; and

WHEREAS, our daily new cases average 19.3 and our effective retransmission value is calculated at 0.70 as of the time of this writing; and

WHEREAS, since June 2020, Guam has relied on the Covid Area Risk ("CAR") Score to assess the risk of COVID-19 spread, which is calculated using three (3) main data points – effective retransmission rate, test positivity rate, and new cases per 100,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, Guam's CAR Score is presently calculated at 1.5; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this writing, twelve (12) patients are hospitalized with COVID-19, including two (2) in intensive care and one (1) on ventilator; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a clear threat to our safety as a community, and we must all continue to take common sense precautions as individuals to protect ourselves and our loved ones against this disease; and

WHEREAS, as our island continues to be engaged in emergency response, it is important that we utilize our best available tools against COVID-19, including vaccines, monoclonal antibody therapy treatment, testing, and, as always, the practice of strict personal mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, by getting vaccinated and continuing to practice basic mitigation measures of washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance, we will continue to make strides towards minimizing the spread of COVID-19 on our island, and keeping our community safe; and

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WHEREAS, during this critical time in our island's history, it is more important than ever that we reflect on and strengthen our relationships within our families, that we foster a spirit of togetherness, and cherish the time we have with each other; and

WHEREAS, by implementing focused fiscal discipline, and through the coordinated efforts of our hardworking agencies, our administration has successfully paid down our deficit, paid our vendors early, and paid our people their tax refunds within thirty (30) days of filing; and

WHEREAS, our Government workers have worked tirelessly to serve our community during the pandemic, creating and expanding programs to help our people and businesses get the assistance they need to endure, keeping our families healthy and safe, and improving our government's financial outlook; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, Section 1000(c) provides that "[i]n addition to the holidays specified in [] this Section, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* may declare by Executive Order additional non-permanent holidays for special purposes."

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

- 1. EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. The public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03 and extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-16, 2020-22, 2020-24, 2020-29, 2020-35, 2020-38, 2020-41, 2020-46, 2021-03, 2021-05, 2021-07, 2021-09, 2021-12, 2021-15, 2021-16, 2021-20, and 2021-24, 2021-27 shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) day period, effective November 30, 2021. The public health emergency is now scheduled to expire on December 30, 2021.
- 2. **DECLARATION OF THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AS A HOLIDAY.** Pursuant to 1 G.C.A. §1000(c), Friday, November 26, 2021, is declared a Government of Guam holiday.
- 3. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.
- 4. **PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

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SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 24th day of November 2021.

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan

Lt. Governor of Guam

